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IN MY OPINION

by Mel Dahl

His face was flushed with anger as he told me why he thought the government should send gay people to jail: "Because decent people hate them, they jeopardize national security, and besides, my Christianity tells me it's wrong!" Worse, he was a law student, which means that somehow he managed to make it through four years of undergraduate school, a place where people are allegedly taught how to think and reason.

The best response to those types of comments is to give them all the attention they deserve: Tell the speakers, "Thank you for sharing," and then go on about one's business. Whenever I need something to cheer me up, I remember a post card, shown to me by a member of Congress, from one of his constituents who wrote in to say that she was "very much against the queers because they don't reproduce in the natural way."

Yet, there is a part of me that is just fascinated by bigotry: Why do some people hate us? Why do some people hate those of different races, or religions, or classes? If a totally disinterested observer (say, a Martian anthropologist) were to write a book on human idiocy, there is little doubt bigotry is where he or she would begin, and probably with homophobia.

I suppose there are as many different reasons for bigotry as there are bigots, and I suspect most of the reasons given for bigotry are oversimplified. For example, we have heard it said that those who hate gay people are those who have not yet come to terms with their own sexuality, whose hatred of gays is merely a projection of the own self-hatred, and that inside every homophobe there is a closet queen trying to get out. Of course there are some homophobes for whom that is true--former Congressman Robert Bauman and the Reverend Billy James Hargis being two notable examples--but it strains credibility to the breaking point to make that a blanket rule that applies to all homophobes. Further, that assertion is obviously not true of racists; most members of the KKK probably don't wonder deep down inside if they may be black.

Another theory that is sometimes advanced is that bigots are made and not born; that we live in a society that teaches people hatred, and if we would simply stop teaching hatred to children, in another generation it would be gone. Frankly, I think there is a lot of merit to that contention. Now that fundamentalism no longer holds the sway over the average American's mind that it once did, acceptance has begun to seep in toward most hatred or formerly hated groups. I see no evidence that prejudice is innate. In another generation, as the pall of organized hatred continues to lift, tolerance may yet become the rule and not the exception.

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Yet another theory is that bigotry is rooted in personal insecurity: Most people who are truly happy with their lives don't care what other people are doing, and the need to persecute others is a sure sign of an empty life.

There is one reason that has not really been explored, that I think is at least worth taking a look at, and that is what somebody else has called, "The Politics of Envy." Again, I don't think this applies to all bigots, but I suspect it has a lot to do with why at least some of them are the way they are. It is a fairly well established fact that the Ku Klux Klan draws most of its members from people whom the system has passed by. They have few earthly possessions, they have generally not done well socially or economically, and they need someone to blame for their misfortunes. The idea that a (horrors!) black man should become a scientist or an engineer, when they have not done well at all, galls them no end.

Official social policy on sexuality for years has been that sex was only for marriage, divorce was not allowed except in extreme cases, and that no matter how unhappy these rules made people, those were the rules. Gay people have essentially said: We didn't write the rules, and we aren't going to follow them."

Prior to the advent of AIDS, gay sex was essentially free since there was no risk of pregnancy and any mishap could generally be cured with a shot of penicillin. There were no children to worry about, no messy divorces, and no requirement to pretend that one is interested in a commitment if in fact one is not. The bath and bar scene provided a wealth of potential sex partners. No family ties allowed gay people to get better than average educations and have much higher than average discretionary income. Thus, gay men were able to live the way many straight men would have liked.

AIDS has changed that somewhat, but in large part gay people as a class are still doing really well.

When straight people with family commitments up to their necks who have no discretionary income because it has all been spent of children's braces and tuition, who may be trapped in unhappy marriages that they cannot leave for economic or social reasons, when the sexual spark left the marriage long ago and they must make a choice between their sexual needs and society's moral code, and they then see a group of people that, for the most part, has not a care in the world, another reason for prejudice emerges: How do you spell bigotry? J-E-A-L-O-U-S-Y.

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by Ariel

There are many facets to a gay or lesbian life, including the lifestyle itself. It is a different world, unknown save for the negative innuendos and beliefs, to the "straight" person. It has social, moral and political ramifications to anyone who follows, with battles fought both aggressively and silently for equal chances to live as one wishes . . . not imposing on NOR wishing to BE imposed on in the process.

This magazine covers these various aspects of personal freedom admirably, faithfully and in depth, and has done so for many years. We have made it possible for people of similar beliefs, tastes and choices to hear what each other have to say, and through this we all grow . . . but I wish to address yet ANOTHER side to this. The physical, touching, sharing aspect of being gay, lesbian or even bisexual. This, also, is something we all have in common, and something that should not be buried, whispered about in corners or even ashamed of! It is something we share, and the purpose of this column will be to offer its readers a forum to speak out.

I wish to invite readers to write to me, contributing special, unusual or even amusing stories of their sexual experiences. You will have an opportunity to share these incidents with others, have your exploits, passions or fulfilled desires read by others with similar or aspiring tastes, while offering enjoyment (and quite possibly some ideas!) to your fellow readers. In effect, you will be showing the world that there is no shame in sharing one's desires with others, and make it possible for many of us to see that we are not alone in our fantasies, wants or tastes.

Each month I will pick one or two letters to print. Your name will be withheld on request, but must be included with your submission, along with your address. All submissions will be considered to be offered for print, unless specifically requested. I will also reserve the right to edit some words if it needs it, though generally the column will contain submissions as is. Your submission can be on any topic related to a sexual incident you wish to share with others, or may also be descriptive fantasies one would WISH to happen . . . few of us haven't had one of those once in a while!

It should also be no longer than a page typed, or the equivalent, and will not be returned, so if you wish to keep a copy for your memoirs or in case you fear suffering from a failing memory sometime in your old age, you should make a copy for yourself before sending one to me! (Anything submitted longer than a typed page I will consider a personal letter, and you run the risk of a reply from me! My letters tend to be very graphic, and are not for the weak at heart or those who suffer from chronic blushing, so be forewarned . . .)

This monthly column is designed to offer you, as its reader, an entertaining, uncensored view of the sexual side to our lifestyle, and as such it is for our enjoyment as much as enlightenment. This depends on you, the reader . . . here is a place where you can tell fellow humans what turns you on and off, and everything in between. All you have to do is write . . .

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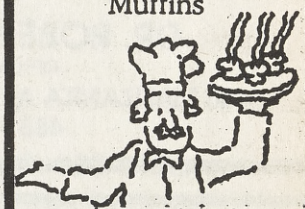
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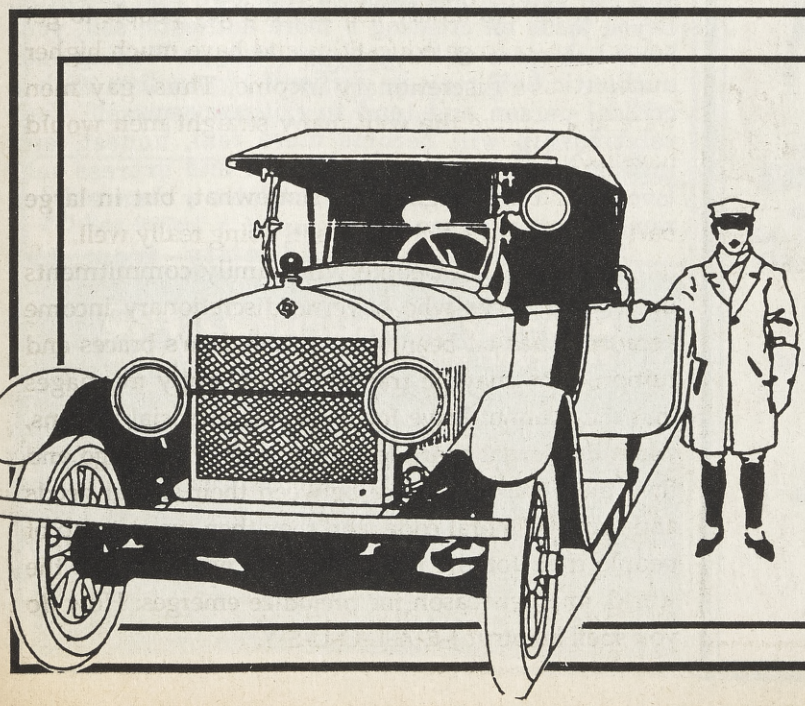
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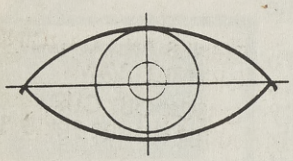

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by D. Preston Dillon
psychotherapist

Last month we examined the characteristics of functional and dysfunctional relationships. From these descriptions you can evaluate those aspects of your relationship that need changing. The committment you have to loving your partner requires a willingness to increase the quality of the person you are and to the way you contribute to the partnership. Let's explore a few ideas to do this.

1. **Be willing to grow:** We are evolving, constantly changing beings. It is a myth that you or your lover will never change. When we stop changing we are dead . . . and no one wants to be in a relationship with a dead person. Your friends and family may feel insecure if you change, but it is important for you to be moving on your own life path and not theirs. As you move through stages in your life, you grow. The goal of growing is to always be increasing self-love. As you love yourself more, you enrich your life and your relationships.

2. **Love yourself:** Self-love is the art of creating your life the way you want it to be--and being person the person you are. No one else can do this for you. How you feel about yourself is radiated to others. Here are several things you can do to increase self-love:

Take an inventory of the changes you have made and the way you want to be in the future. Take a moment to think about the type of person you are with your lover and how you are when alone. Do you pretend to be something you are not just to please your partner? Do you find yourself rebelling against your partner to prove something about yourself? Are you comparing yourself to others, placing someone a pedestal and others beneath you? When you compare yourself you become blind to your own real potential. If you focus on creating a more authentic self, your lover has more of the real you to love. Finding your authentic self may be difficult if you live with a critical person and tend to criticize yourself. Your relationship will become more real, honest, and intimate as you reclaim yourself and express self-love. Your relationship does not have a chance if you remain untrue to yourself.

3. **Separate your identity from the relationship.** Create clear goals and define ways you will be working on yourself continuously. Some things that are helpful include community meetings such as AA or ACA, church groups, rap groups, therapy groups, reading articles and books on healthy relating, listening to cassette tapes, talking with friends, continuously reevaluting yourself, attending classes and workshops for personal growth, and doing your own affirmations. It is also helpful to pay attention to your physical health--eating right, regular exercise, and discontinuing addictions prepares you for a healthy relationship.

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If you are not taking care of yourself, you will soon expect your partner to do it for you. Using coercion to change your lover is not useful either. Be patient with yourself and give your partner space to change when he or she is ready.

Discuss the meaning of commitment with your lover. Are you both interested in the same level of commitment? Reevaluate your commitment every four months, and be willing to contribute to a committed relationship at the level you and your partner both agree on. Communication is the key here. Understand that each of you has unique needs and you will grow at different paces. Money, sex, and goals should be discussed as needs change. As a couple you will set goals and make changes which cannot be compared to another couple's level of success, commitment or intimacy. You are pioneering here. Your relationships from the past cannot be used as a measuring stick to evaluate your new relationship. Nor can you use idealized images. If you have a problem with your self esteem, having other lovers will not solve your personal feelings of inadequacy. Evaluate your ability to make a commitment and talk about your concerns with your partner.

4. **Balance your time, space, and friends:** Spend time together playing and creating new things to do that both partners enjoy. Share time with friends both of you like and keep your own friends for separate activities. Do not disappear off the face of the earth because you fall in love. Keep a balance so that isolation or total community submersion does not overwhelm you. Spend time alone just doing what you like and have your own space that you identify as your retreat space. Keep a balance to nurture yourself, your lover, and your friends.

5. **Have realistic expectations:** Ask for what you want from your partner, say what you are willing to give, and set limits so it is clear what you are not willing to do. It is important to bring up changes you would like and suggestions for change. Share how you feel. Check out expectations you have for yourself and those you have for your lover. If you feel you lover's expectations are unreasonable, say so and offer suggestions for compromise. Be willing to change your expectations for growth, but not to compromise your values or deeper feelings. Expectations evolve as the relationship grows. It is helpful to talk about your needs and to give your partner feedback on how your needs are changing. Solve problems together and keep nurturance as a priority.

6. **Express appreciation:** Set aside time to talk about the relationship. Keep the time sacred so that interruptions are unlikely. This is a time to tell your lover how much you appreciate who they are and how important they are to you. Do something weekly to express your love. Little things can mean a lot. How can you be more supportive of your partner? In what ways could they be more supportive of you? Showing your love is a joy, and it keeps the relationship fresh. Being thoughtful and attentive is the nourishment that keeps a relationship alive.

7. **Keep romance alive:** Make a list of things that make you happy. Include on your list small things like walks or hidden love notes, flowers, toys, food, etc. and exchange lists with you lover. Make it a practice to do something each week from the list. Write your partner a love letter each week and send it. Don't wait for special events. Acknowledge your lover's kind thoughts, hugs, and favors. Make a coupon book of thing you'd like (massage, time together, chores) and play games that keep surprise alive.

A healthy, functional couple is always working on change by supporting what is good, appreciating the qualities of each other, accepting differences, and working individually on personal issues. In a healthy relationship there is deep contentment and satisfaction. When problems arise they are examined without blame or criticism. Solutions are sought together and resolution brings the couple closer and more intimate. Old stuff is no longer an issue.

We are all evolving and in that process there is hope for peace. Living in a society that is judgmental of alternative lifestyles is difficult enough. Making connections with those who want what you want in a relationship--who value who you are--is a challenge. You may sometimes feel stretched to the max or totally hopeless that an authentic, committed, loving relation could be a part of your life. This is the time to start making real changes for yourself. Making yourself happy is one of the best ways to find a compatible partner. The perfect partner is within you. Once you discover and nurture the lover within, the stage is set for achieving the loving, caring relationship you want.

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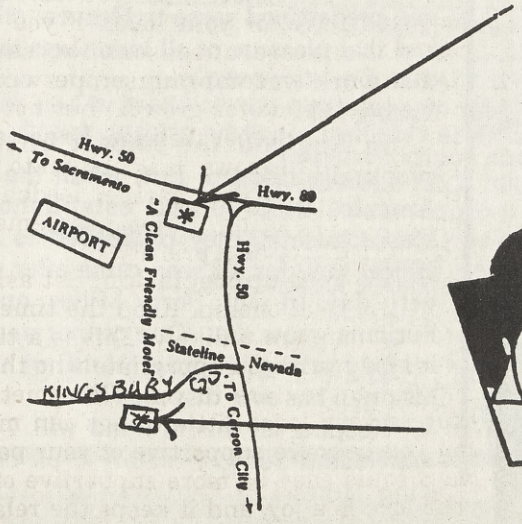

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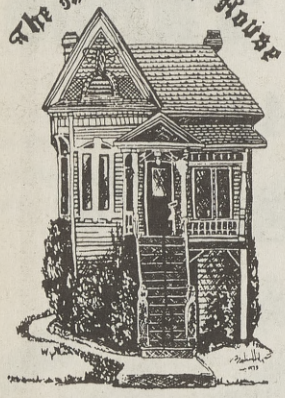

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GAY HISTORY

by Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

By tradition, Western history is divided into three parts: Ancient, Medieval and Modern. When these periods begin and end is a matter of some subjectivity. But while various authorities would disagree, for the purposes of this series I have chosen 1600 as the start of the Contemporary Era.

There are several bits of background that should, I think, be kept in mind. One is that after centuries of gloom and pessimism, Europe, in the 16th and 17th Centuries, had embarked on a new adventure, turning its eyes outward. It was the Age of Expansion. From all the ports of Western Europe ships stood out to sea bound for the New World and the East, these ships bringing back riches untold and hitherto unimagined.

Along with the new wealth grew new ideas, burgeoning over the Continent, causing a new way of looking at things. It was called "The Enlightenment" and would see reality in terms of reason, not theology, resulting eventually in the scientific, industrial and technological revolutions. It was an age which saw great development in culture and the arts, separated for the first time in centuries from the influence of religion and inspired by the idea that humans were capable of defining themselves by themselves.

In such an atmosphere there developed a new freedom, a sense that the old absolutes taught by the Church had not been so absolute at all and, in fact, might be downright harmful to personal growth. As always, there was a reaction. In England, for example, a new and more stringent form of Protestantism grew up: The Puritans intended to "purify" the Church of England of all Catholic influences. They based their theology on the writings of John Calvin, a Swiss preacher who taught, among other things, that humans were totally degenerate due to original sin, that God had predestined some to Heaven, others to damnation, and that pleasure of all kinds was tainted with sin and that work was the only proper occupation for God-fearing folk.

In England the impact of the Puritans was eventually diluted. But, when the Puritans came to America in 1630 and established themselves in Massachusetts, they proceeded to set the moral and ethical tone for all who came after them down to this very day. In fact, Perry Miller, an authority on the Puritans wrote that "One cannot understand American history without understanding the Puritans." No historian has ever disputed him.

Keeping all this in mind will, I think, help you to understand our gay history a bit better. For example, King James I of England (1601-1625), after whom a popular translation of the Bible was named, was very much a man of the "new age." Highly learned and very

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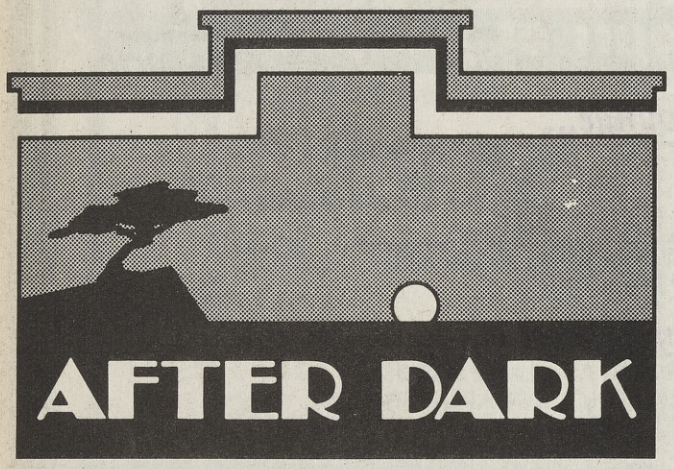

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gay, he flaunted both his sexuality and his learning in the face of the Puritans. They detested him as a public sinner and he returned the favor, despising them as religious bigots.

In the United States, Victorianism with its emphasis on conformity and social stratification went hand in hand with American Puritanism. Thus, the 19th Century was a bleak time for gays and lesbians as well as for heterosexual women, Blacks, Jews and others. The dominant white male society forced these peoples to labor under terrible prejudices which they (we) are just beginning to shake off.

Throughout most of the 20th Century, though, the informing ethos (which was and is "rational secularism," Puritanism, lately called "conservatism" or even "fundamentalism") continued to hold sway, warring against reason and liberalism which it rightly, I think, saw and sees as its chief enemies. By the middle of the Century, two great wars had weakened the old ways to such an extent further changes were, as we now see, inevitable. Still, the '50s were a decade heavy with bigotry brought about in large part by America's decided overreaction to Communism and the Soviet threat, a hysteria fueled by the likes of Wisconsin's Senator Joe McCarthy and New York's John Cardinal Spellman. In the midst of this, American youth looked for heros and found them in the movies with young men like James Dean, Sal Mineo and Nick Adams whose gay sensitivities are, I think evident to anyone who looks at their films. ▼

MODERN MUSIC

by Michael Maier

Recently, while on a record buying spree, I came across a fabulous recording from a very talented female vocalist, Kimiko Itoh. I was ecstatic with this find. I had become acquainted with the impressive musical style of Ms. Itoh in late 1987 and was totally unaware that she had recorded a new release since her last venture, **FOR LOVERS ONLY.**

Now, two years later, Ms. Itoh once again emerges on the scene with a top-notch production titled **FOLLOW ME** (Epic/Sony/Columbia). This ten-track release features some outstanding contemporary compositions that encompass ballads and jazz-influenced material. But, the key aspect of this classy release is Ms. Itoh's vocal style, self assured and smooth of presentation. The two elements of her vocals and first-rate songs make this one of the most sophisticated and tasteful releases to date in 1989.

What may be surprising to many American listeners is that Ms. Itoh is Japanese (not Japanese/American) and is considered the number-one jazz vocalist presently in Japan. After listening to her current release, **FOLLOW ME**, it is understandable how she earned this title. The intimate and personal affection for the

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HORNER'S CORNER

by Lee Horner

Eviction From A Landlord's Perspective

Hopefully most of our readers are in the fortunate position of being landlords. These are people who have found a legal way of getting someone else to pay off the mortgage on a building they own while at the same time getting numerous tax advantages.

Buying rental property is something that everyone should consider as it is, in my opinion anyway, an excellent shelter against inflation and is a solid long-term investment, particularly if you have to plan for your own retirement. Seems like most of the "wealthy" we read about these days all made it in real estate.

But what about the landlord who finds himself saddled with a tenant who maintains a rather "casual" attitude about paying rent (i.e. is a deadbeat who doesn't pay)--what can be done? Lock the dude out? Shut off his utilities? Hound him day and night until he moves?

The answer to all of these questions is a resounding NO!! Moreover, by engaging in such tactics the landlord puts himself in the wrong and becomes vulnerable to attack by this erstwhile flake.

In California (other states may or may not have similar regulations) the landlord must first serve a defaulting tenant with a "three day notice to pay or quit." It can be served by personal delivery or by nailing it to the front door or by mailing a copy by first class mail. After three days have gone by and no rent is received, you can then file a complaint in court for "unlawful detainer" (i.e. eviction). The tenant must be served with a summons and copy of this complaint. He has five days to answer from the day he is served. Failing that, the landlord can get an immediate default entered and clerk's judgement for possession of the premises. The court will at that time provide the landlord with a writ of execution; you take that to the sheriff and the rest is soon history.

Later the landlord can go back and get a money judgment for the unpaid rent and, if he knows where the tenant works, attach his wages.

Tenants usually have this routine pretty well figured out. They can answer the court action with the defense like "the roof leaked so the place wasn't habitable (so then why did you continue to live there???); or "the landlord shut the utilities off and constructively evicted me" (landlord will lose big on that one--may wind up having to let the guy live there for free and pay his damages on top!!) or finally "I just didn't have the money and the landlord said I could skip a few months." Right. Some of these defenses and other along the same line we've seen from time to time. The best defense against poor tenants is probably a good offense. At the outset carefully screen your prospect and get a credit report. I make it a point to talk to their landlord from "two places ago"; i.e. if they are really flaky, their present landlord might say anything to get rid of them; but the place they lived before that, having no ax to grind, will probably give you a more accurate version.

Roommate arrangements are also subject to these requirements. Most of the time they are less formal, but if you have a roomie that you want to move and he or she won't, you're looking at court proceedings. You can't lock them out of the house either.

This is a really complex legal area and we've just hit on some highlights. By and large it is a good idea to purchase and hold rental property. My favorite is the lower priced single family dwelling or condo that will always be in demand.

NEXT MONTH--a look at the immigration laws vis-a-vis different lifestyles. If you happen to be in the Sacramento area during August, I hope to see you all at the Greek Food Festival! ▼

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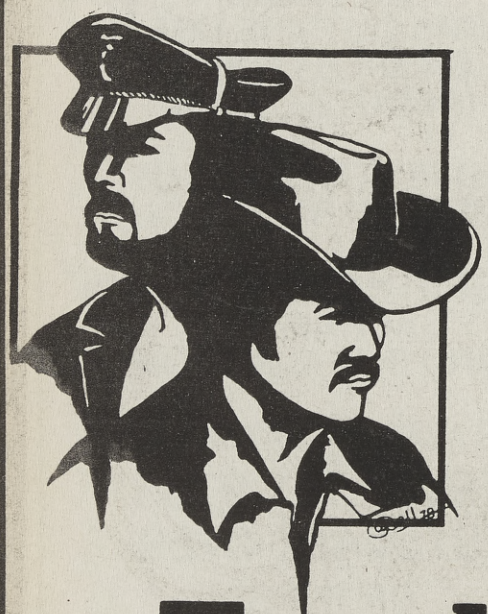

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Wendy Caster

The Return of the Femme

The signs are everywhere: Lesbians wearing makeup and dresses. Lesbian groups that do not allow their members to wear pants. Lesbians letting their hair grow. It's the return of the femme.

When I first came out, sex roles were frowned upon. Old-time butch-femme couples were seen as ignorant and outdated, as hopelessly heterosexual-identified. The new lesbians knew better; they would be antifashion. They would just be themselves.

However, "just being themselves" soon solidified into an accepted code of behavior just as rigid as the butch-femme roles. "Just being themselves" required workshirts and boots. "Just being themselves" frowned on makeup and skirts. "Just being themselves" had little patience or compassion for other whose form of just being *themselves* was different.

Of course, that form of "just being themselves" was fairly butch. While few women wore slicked-back hair and leather, most stuck to stereotypically masculine clothing, and signs of femininity were seen as politically incorrect and treasonous. Of course, there was nothing stopping a woman from dressing any way she wanted—nothing except hostile glances and good old-fashioned peer pressure. The antifashion attitude of lesbians became a fashion, and you ignored it at your peril.

As gay pride took hold, this fashion relaxed somewhat, and lesbians started exploring more ways of dressing—but the emphasis was still pretty butch. As recently as 1985 or 1986, lesbians in skirts were rare, except when they were wearing their work drag. And even proudly feminine women were reluctant to be identified as femme.

One of the main reasons the femme role was so frightening was our internalized sexism. Femmes were *girls*, for God's sake! They couldn't hammer a nail or hit a ball—except, maybe, immediately after a good meal? The stereotypes marched on, as always, trampling people's individuality on the way.

But now it is 1988, and women are beginning to embrace the femme role. "Lesbian Ladies" are declaring their rights and powers. This is a lovely idea, an idea whose time has come. But it brings with it a disturbing trend. Once again, a pattern is being set that others must follow or be left out in the cold.

These lesbian lady groups often have dress codes: Wear a skirt or you're not welcome. After all, it can be fun to be in a room where everyone is dressed up. But there's built-in classism in these codes. Nice clothing is expensive. Also, women who must take public transportation to and from dangerous neighborhoods are at higher risk of being robbed or raped in heels and a dress than in sneakers and jeans. Furthermore, as always, the great majority of women who can afford to dress well are white, making the new trend of femme

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Alyson Almanac, compiled by the staff of Alyson Publications, 1989

Unnatural Quotations, Leigh W. Rutledge, Alyson Publications, 1988

Equal Affections, by David Leavitt, Weiderfeld & Nicolson, 1988

Reviewed by Dean Stonehocker

It's about time gay people had their own almanac. Alyson's is two hundred pages of short, useful articles divided into twenty-five categories. And, you can get one FREE if you're the first to submit documented material that they can use in future (every year or two, they project) editions.

I spent a happy afternoon with the almanac learning all kinds of useful things. Did you know, for instance, that in 1260 A.D. women indulging their lesbian appetites commonly had their clitorises removed? Ouch! Or that in 1624 the first American man was hanged for sodomy. Or that as late as 1957 the American Civil Liberties Union expressed disinterest in pursuing gay rights cases because they felt sexual discrimination in the cases of such wanton perversion as same-sex love was proper and justified? Or how about the surprising fact that the first telephone listing with the word "gay" was accepted by Ma Bell a mere 18 years ago. Practically yesterday!

The Almanac is certainly a valuable source of useful information, listing, for example, class gay novels written long before Stonewall, national lesbian and gay awards and their recipients, national hotlines, as well as national publications (I admit I'd never heard of FQ: Foreskin Quarterly).

And there's useful advice as well. I never knew relationships had five distinct stages: 1) discovery, 2) disappointment, 3) decision, 4) development, and 5) destiny. Perhaps that's because mine have never lasted that long. At any rate, the Almanac will help guide you through the relationship maze with aplomb. And there's a section to help you come out, if you haven't already done so, or merely wish to relive the thrill.

The section on unusual vacations intrigued me with a listing for an Hawaiian resort called Camp Camp-it-up in the "beautiful Kalapans/Black Sand Beach area."

And I certainly never suspected, til I read it right there in the biographies section, that Horatio Alger was gay. But in 1866, a fifteen year old boy "called at his room to leave a book . . . [Alger] bolted his door and then committed this unnatural crime," a townsman reported, while "the poor boy's sister" waited "in the carriage in the cold." Driven out of the small New England town where he was born, he turned to writing and later kept several young men in his New York digs.

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I estimate there are roughly eight hundred choice power potentially racist as well.

And it's not just the dress codes, some of these femmes are openly hostile toward non-femmes. Take the comments of self-proclaimed lesbian lady Cynthia Yokey, who wrote in the *Lambda Rising Book Review*, "The women in the openly lesbian community are generally out because they couldn't hide their orientation if they wanted to. Like most pioneers, they are misfits. . . . [The places where openly lesbian women go] are often so bizarre and their denizens so forbidding that when we enter, many of us feel like Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm bounding into the bar scene from *Star Wars*."

Is it too much to expect that butches and femmes and neithers and boths could live peacefully side by side? Why must there be fads and fashions with iron grips on people's lives? We could offer one another freedom. We could offer support whether other lesbians want to have babies, build ships, fix the car, cook dinner, or do all four at the same time. Instead, we come up with *more* rules and *more* limitations.

Yet I know there is hope for us. I have a friend, a very feminine woman who is an excellent athlete. She pitches on a softball team, and when she is about to throw, she holds the ball oh-so-gracefully and puts here foot forward with a perfectly pointed arch. She looks as though she is about to dance into a ballet combination. And then, she slams in her strikes.

There are a million different ways to be; as a community, we have room for them all. ▼

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album's material is transmitted to the listener through the direct and song-bird likeness of Ms. Itoh's quality vocals, a welcome addition to the American music scene.

The album's title track, "Follow Me," along with "Second Choice," "Meet Me On The Moon," and "Intimate Strangers" showcase the contemporary tracks that await the listener's ears. "Love," "New York State Of Mind," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "If I Loved You" reflect Ms. Itoh's love of American standard music and her par excellence in the interpretation of such songs. I cannot give this album and Ms. Itoh enough praise for **FOLLOW ME**.

Unquestionably Ms. Itoh deserves to be placed along with such well-known American singers as Barbra Streisand, Maureen McGovern, Anita Baker, Nancy Wilson and Natalie Cole. Obviously she's a first-class performer who can certainly stand shoulder to shoulder with any American domestic singer. I strongly recommend that you become acquainted with Japan's latest export, Kimiko Itoh, and follow what will surely be a sensational career. **FOLLOW ME**: June's Top Pick!

RAINBOW FESTIVAL 1989
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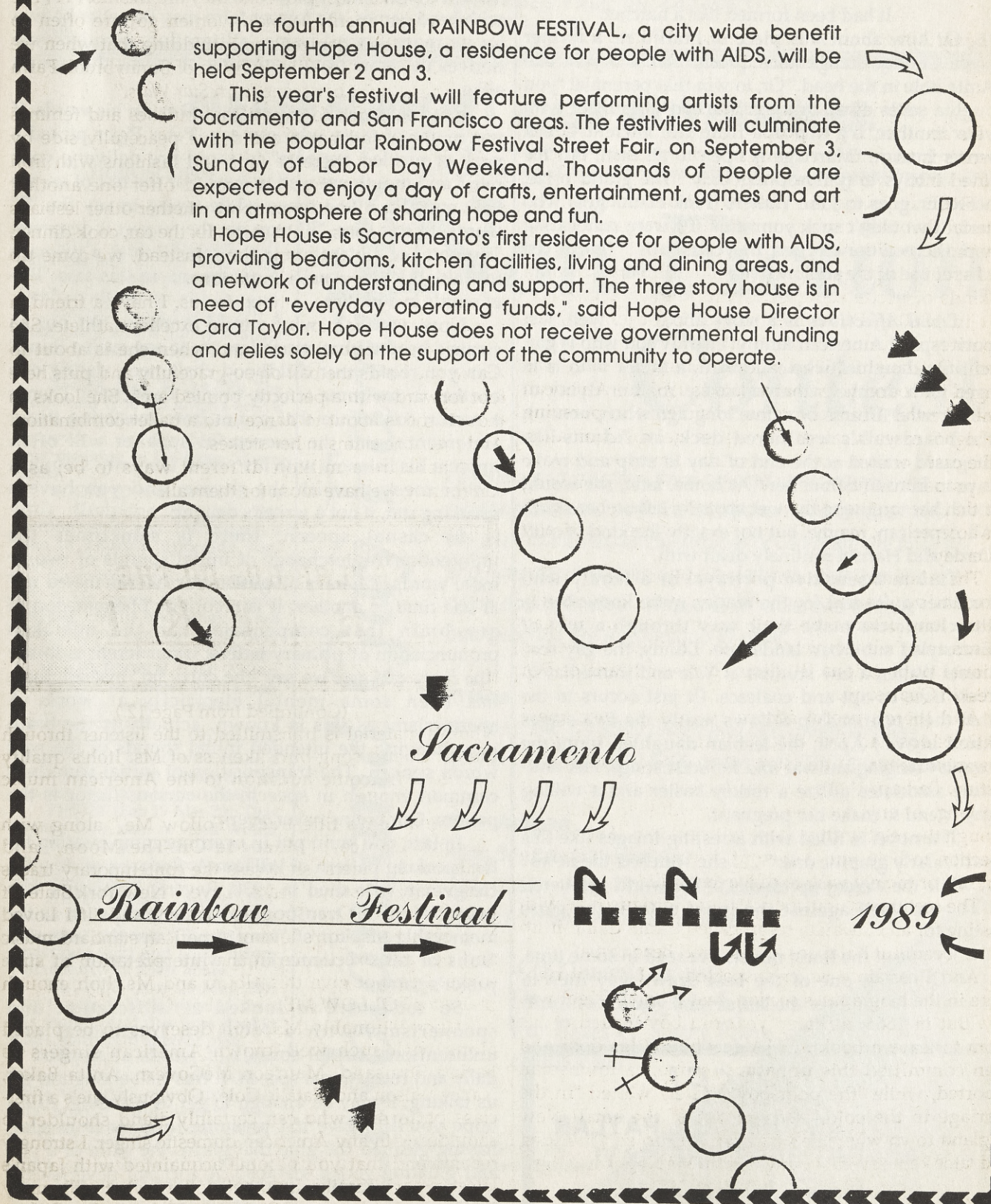
The fourth annual RAINBOW FESTIVAL, a city wide benefit supporting Hope House, a residence for people with AIDS, will be held September 2 and 3.

This year's festival will feature performing artists from the Sacramento and San Francisco areas. The festivities will culminate with the popular Rainbow Festival Street Fair, on September 3, Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. Thousands of people are expected to enjoy a day of crafts, entertainment, games and art in an atmosphere of sharing hope and fun.

Hope House is Sacramento's first residence for people with AIDS, providing bedrooms, kitchen facilities, living and dining areas, and a network of understanding and support. The three story house is in need of "everyday operating funds," said Hope House Director Cara Taylor. Hope House does not receive governmental funding and relies solely on the support of the community to operate.



little items to Rutledge's entertaining book *Unnatural Quotations*. I can't resist passing on this poem he quotes from *The Tales of the Arabian Nights:*

"The penis smooth and round was made
With Anus best to match it;
Had it been made for cunnis' sake
It had been formed like a hatchet."

Or how about this piece of graffiti re: a former Dade County orange juice queen, "Anita Bryant like Anita hole in the head." Or, to win that perennial "you oughta settle down and get married" argument with your mother, try this one from the ancient Greek writer Lucian, "Marriage is open to all men, but the love of boys to philosophers only." The grand prize, however, goes to John Walters (Pink Flamingos) who said, "I wouldn't suck your dick if I were suffocating and there were oxygen in your balls." (Note the careful use of the subjunctive.)

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Equal Affections is a story about . . . well, just your typical American family: an only son who is gay, an only daughter who is lesbian, a father who is in love with another woman, and a mother dying of cancer who dreams of a time long ago when, beneath the boardwalk's weathered deck, an Adonis-like lifeguard waited at the end of day to strip and make love to himself before her. (At home, later, she would touch her tongue to the wet spots he left on her skirt.) All American, maybe, but not exactly the kind of stuff Ozzie and Harriet routinely dealt with.

This is a sensitive portrayal of a family who becomes quite real for the reader, quite knowable as the characters make their way through a sort of Eurostyled suburban landscape. Danny, the gay son, meets Walter, a law student at Yale and immediately their lives co-opt and coalesce. (It just occurs to me that their relationship follows neatly the five stages listed above.) April, the lesbian daughter, tours the country singing antiwar and feminist songs. Her anti-male associates utilize a turkey baster and a willing gay friend to make her pregnant.

The novel is filled with arresting images like this particularly graphic one: " . . . she watched the news . . . while the violent upheavals of the world splattered like gore itself against the inner side of the glass screen."

It's one of the finest novels I've read in some time. And Danny is one of the best drawn gay men to appear in fiction over the last several years. ▼

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WORDS FROM HOME

by Lynda J. Foro

Let's talk today about literary techniques known as "head rhyme" and "spoonerisms." Not to be confused with head games, the former term may be better known by its more formal name, alliteration. Head rhyme derives its name from beginning of words that sound alike.

Head rhyme can make a fast talker eat his words. If you're one of those who can say "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers" in rapid-fire delivery, your mind and mouth are well in sync. For the rest of us, we may stumble a few times while trying to say the "P" words. In this case, "P" may get the respect it deserves. The point of alliteration is the repetition of a primary (or initial) letter, usually a consonant--in this case "P"--of words in a phrase.

Now, you ask, why would someone set out to create a head rhyme, much less try to say such a thing? Can you recall your childhood challenges, daring one another to say some tongue-twister flawlessly? There's a certain confidence that comes from mastering tricky statements, and the successful speaker will often impress his listeners with his verbal dexterity. Couple a clever message with the rhyme, and you have a speaking star, if not a writer's delight.

In casual speech, there is sometimes the unintentional interchange of initial sounds of two or more words. We have all gotten our "words mixed up" at one time or another. It is a curious phenomenon of our brain that compensates for the mistaken pronunciation of primary letters. If our intent is to say "the furry cat" and we say "the curry fat" instead, there has been some mental electricity at work. A spoonerism, as this is known, actually is the brain interchanging the intended initial sounds of the next words spoken. The transposition of initial sounds is common enough in speech; the curious factor is the pattern. Our brains never sleep.

In fact, one brain put in overtime compensating for the speaking pattern of William A. Spooner, an English clergyman who died in 1930. Reverend Spooner was notorious for his transposed word sounds, such as the memorable mix-up of "tons of soil" for the intended "sons of toil." Spoonerisms were spawned by this pastor's patter.

So today we've looked at alliteration and spoonerisms, with a focus on intentional and unintentional initial sounds of words as applied to daily and recreational speech. If this isn't enough to get us talking, it may be enough to get us listening. And I hope you'll forgive if I presume to glow from glee, having gleaned the glue that glazes the glare of a glib and gloating verbal virtuoso. A cornball never sleeps either. ▼

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by Dr. Pat Larr

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SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): A little discipline in your life wouldn't hurt you. Mid-month a man in uniform upbraids you. Enjoy!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): A big movie fan loves your opening credits and longs to see your happy ending. And they lived happily ever after? We'll see.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): A brief encounter with a pair of bulging briefs leaves you positively drained.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): Tough month ahead--you make a lot of mistakes but fortunately no one sees the holes in your head.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): That strange little man at work would love to work overtime with you. Give the guy a chance; you'll be paid double time for it.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): You're in danger of becoming just like your parents. Time to do something wild and crazy before you're ready for a rest home.

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GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Money problems might take a while to vanish completely, but this month your wallet will definitely be showing more green.

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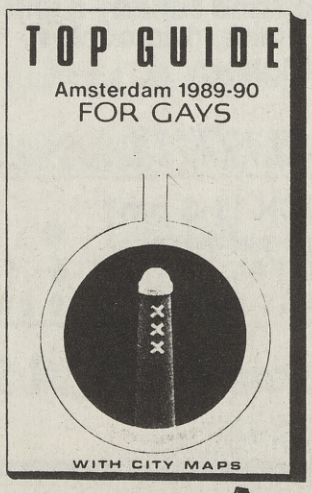

RAMBLINGS of NOTE

by Carl/Anne

In this, my second column, I have decided to indulge myself; and, hopefully, you. An indulgence as luxurious as a warm bath laced with gentle oils; as bracing and refreshing as diving nude into a cold mountain stream.

Early in my acting career, I played a character called, "The Maker of Dreams." He would spin dreams of shimmering fluffy clouds, moonbeams, thistles, and wind-blown sand. Dreams dreamed while stealing moments out of a hectic, frustrating, over-long day; dreamed while the body struggles in fitful sleep.

Dreams we cannot control. But, their cousins, fantasies, we can and we do! Fantasies are dreams we create for ourselves to give us the courage and the strength to continue on to our goals no matter how rough and steep the road, no matter how great and how many the obstacles. Without fantasies we would give up before we begin. Therefore, "fantasy" is an appropriate topic for this column. Especially a fantasy that has come true.

Each and every one of us: gay, straight, bi, man, or woman has shared one fantasy throughout time immemorial, that of the perfect mate! That knight in shining armor who will gallop up on a fast, great white charger and sweep us off our feet; that knight errant who will perform great heroic deeds yet love chaste from afar! Or, conversely, to be that knight ready to do battle against overwhelming odds, to slay dragons for the lady fair; able to take her at will, yet who will gallantly refuse when she offers herself in gratitude. This fantasy has as many variations as there are dreamers; but, just as certain, share it we will somewhere in time. None shall escape.

For most, the fantasy will remain only that, a fantasy! A life/love mate may be found and genuine happiness and fulfillment realized; but, that perfect one will forever remain illusive!

A few weeks ago, I met such an one! And I feel I

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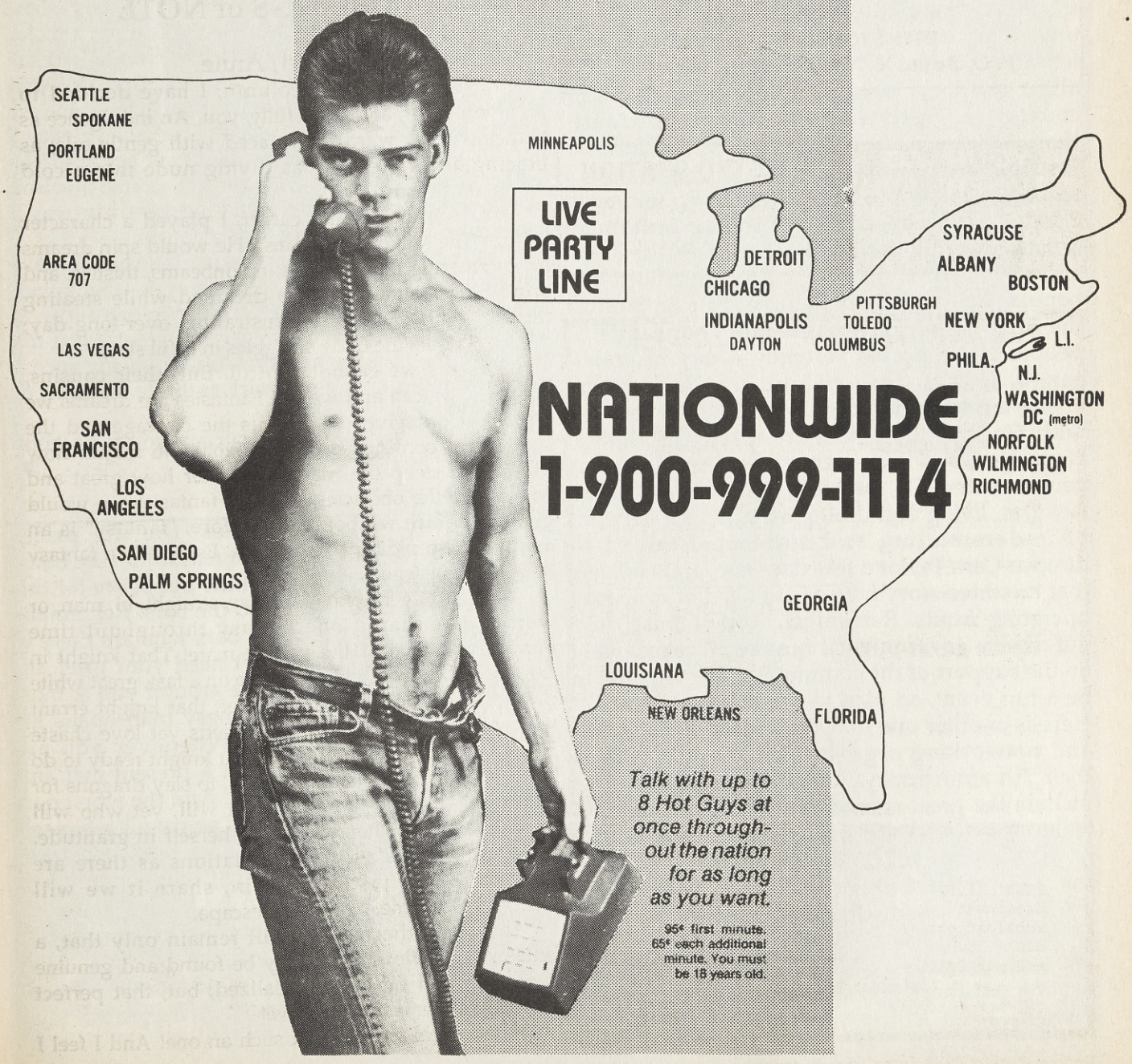

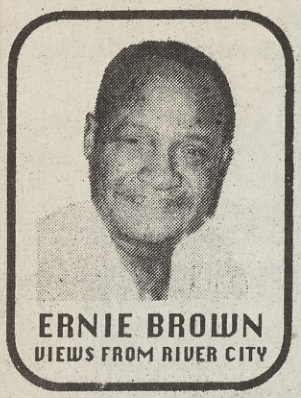

Gay Carrings-On In Sacramento
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The secret of success lies not in doing your own work, but in recognizing the right men to do it. And that is just what Emperor Paul & Empress Stacey did in designing their float for San Francisco Gay Day Parade. In choosing the right men for the job merited a first-place trophy for the best out-of-town entry. Special thanks for their success goes to: Mike Coulter, J.P. Licari & Jim Maxwell, and all of our local bars . . . Now here's a biggy coming up: **Festival To Support Hope House.** Yes, it's Sacramento's fourth annual: "Rainbow Festival," a city-wide benefit for Hope House, a residence for people with AIDS. To be held Sept. 2 & 3. This year's festival will feature performing artists from the Sacramento and San Francisco areas. The festival will culminate with the popular Rainbow Festival Street Fair on Sunday the 3rd, Labor Day weekend. Thousands of people are expected to enjoy a day of crafts, games, entertainment and art in an atmosphere of sharing hope and fun. If you are not familiar with Hope House, here are a few highlights. Hope House is Sacramento's first residence for people with AIDS, providing bedrooms, kitchen facilities, living and dining areas, and a network of understanding and support. I talked to director Cara Taylor a few days ago, and she says that the three-story house is in need of everyday operating funds. Remember, Hope House does not receive governmental funding; it relies solely on the support of the community. This is going to be a fun event, so plan to become part of it . . . Here is another one for you. Pillars, a gay social and networking organization. August 18th is their 7th anniversary. A bash. Entertainment to include the great comedienne, Marga Gomez (a truly funny lady) and many surprises. 6:00 PM, no-host cocktails; 7:30 PM, dinner at the Sierra Inn, $16 per person. For this event, reservations are highly recommended . . . Oh, by the way, the Imperial Barge down the delta was a lot of fun. Let's do it again . . . The Townhouse is still turning out those gourmet brunches, lunches & dinners. Keep it up . . . Joseph's T/C also is turning out excellent dishes, the the prices certainly are right. There is no reason to stay home and cook these days . . . My little pet peeve for this month is: Bringing anger into the bars. Remember, there are other people in the bars who are there to have a good time. They don't need your grief. It's disrespectful for you & people around you & most of all to the bartenders. An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes. Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not a present evil, but that you have increased a habit. And the worst part of it all is that an angry man is angry with himself when he returns to reason. Anger punishes itself. Anger makes a rich man hated and a poor man scorned. Please think about it. I have seen too much anger lately in Sacramento's bars. So, remember, respect yourself and others. Zip it . . . **In Memorium**: Bill Hill, Jerry Trujillo, and K.J. Vasco. "God looked down and touched them and they slept." ▼

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must share the experience with you. First off, I must admit that any "adoration" is strictly "chaste and from afar" and that the fantasy is strictly mine. Yet meet him I did! Since labels are the only way we have to communicate ideas, I have decided to call him, "The Genteel Biker."

The initial meeting was actually guarded. In fact, for the first few moments I found myself wishing it hadn't happened!

My nephew, who has a sadistic sense of humor, and I had just entered a gay bar. He looked around, spotted someone at a distance, and announced, "I want you to meet someone!" Knowing him, I had misgivings. I followed him slowly hoping my feelings were wrong; that he wanted to make a legitimate introduction (after all, I am in search of that "certain someone").

Suddenly we stopped at a bar stool. There HE was! Decked out in full leather from head to foot, looking meaner than the Devil's own. My heart skipped a beat (or two or three). I thought, "God! What am I in for now?" My nephew started to introduce me. HE took my hand (my heart did another number) and kissed it saying, "You don't have to introduce us. I know who the lady is, and she is a lady." I could not believe what I heard come out from the heavy black beard of the leather-clad stud. But as we (he and I) became involved in conversation, I discovered that he truly was a gentleman, or more correctly, a gentle man!

Each subsequent meeting was more eloquent! I have started looking forward to seeing him or talking with him on the phone. I for one consider myself lucky to have the Genteel Biker in my life! Hopefully you too will have the pleasure and the thrill of having such a man in your life; or be a man such as this to the object of your choice.

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I've recently met the most wonderful man. A man I would have given anything to have met seven years ago. A charming, cute, sexy, intelligent man. A man fairly new to the business of "being a man" (he's 25). I could love this man . . . rapturously, timelessly. I could ravage him (and frequently do in my fantasies), spending hours mapping his body and wandering the foothills of his soul. We have had lengthy conversations, deep exchanges of our lives and thoughts. He looks into my eyes and my insides melt into my shoes like so much hot butter. He's not physically beautiful, but he shines in an innocent, all-embracing sort of way. He's no Einstein, but what the hell, neither am I. He's just this guy I want to wake up to in the morning. The guy I would like to please--sexually, spiritually, socially. The guy I would take the most pride in in public and in private. He's simply the man I would like to share my life with. So why am I not writing passionate sonnets and musical protestations of undying love? Why don't I go to him and tell him that I'm having all kinds of romantic stirrings in my heart? Why don't I touch his cheek with my fingertips and ask him to join with me as we dance into the future? Because I'm afraid. Because he's afraid. See, I'm a PWArc and he's not. I'm HIV positive and he's not. I'm in ill health and he's not. Strike three--we're out.

What makes this all the more painful is that I know he's attracted to me. I see it in how he touches me to make a point. And how he wants to go with me whenever I leave our circle of mutual friends. I can see it in how he looks at me. But the Demon Death stands between us, arms crossed and eyes aflame. I finally got up the nerve to tell him about my having ARC--it almost broke my heart. I'm afraid that my heart has been broken so much in the last few years that soon there will be nothing left but dust and that will be blown away with the next weary sigh. But I still take the chance. I still have hope. My new friend was visibly disappointed by my bit of news. He was very sympathetic. He was very empathetic, but I could see the wind leave his sails. I can't say that I blame him for

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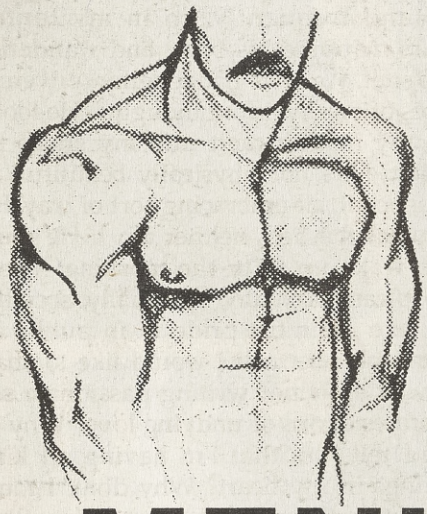

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his reaction, covered up with nobility and understanding as it was. If the tables were turned and I were not infected with HIV, I would have to consider long and hard the decision to get involved with a person who was. Partly because of the fear of being exposed, partly out of the fear of losing a loved one so early in a relationship. A questionable risk on several fronts.

But I'm a good person, a healthy person. I'm productive and proud of what I produce. I care about people, the state of the world and the future. I'm an attractive guy, a person you would never suspect has a deadly secret. I've finally reached a point in my life where I think I have something real, mature and self-fulfilled to offer another person. I'm a "catch," if I do say so myself. Up until now I enjoyed being alone, unencumbered, free. I knew that I had a lot of growing to do and time to do it in. But now I'm not so sure about the time element. I've never wanted to found a relationship out of need, but more out of a desire to share my life and take part in someone else's. Pie in the sky, maybe, but I really feel this way. I'm ready to share myself now. I'm ready to think of more than my needs and my ideas and my life. I want a life-partner, a significant other, a lover. I've met a wonderful possibility, a rarity in and of itself, and there is already so much against us. I realize that anything is possible, but I face the improbable too often not to be skeptical. I'm also aware that there are many HIV+ people out there who are also looking for someone to share their lives with. But chemistry is a funny thing and when it strikes, it's very difficult to ignore, and impossible to invent. At some point in the near future, I will ask him of his romantic impulses towards me and I can only fortify myself and dream of his answer. He is a lovely man who, regardless of his response, has touched me in the most secretest, darkest corners of my heart. Maybe that is enough. Maybe it always has been. ▼

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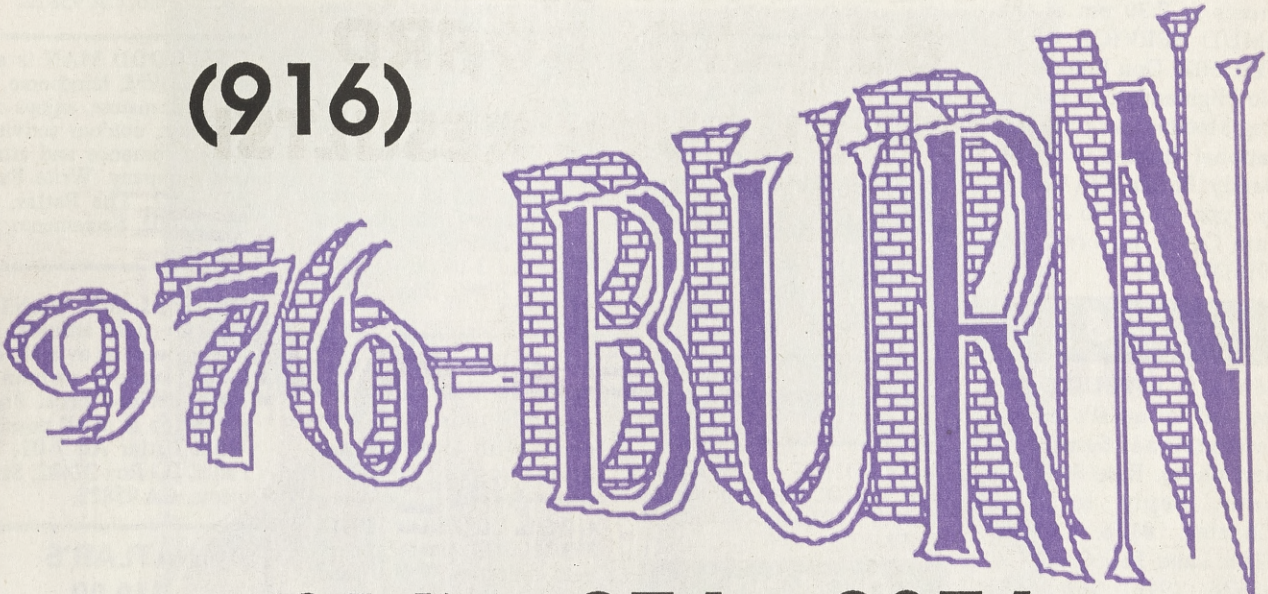

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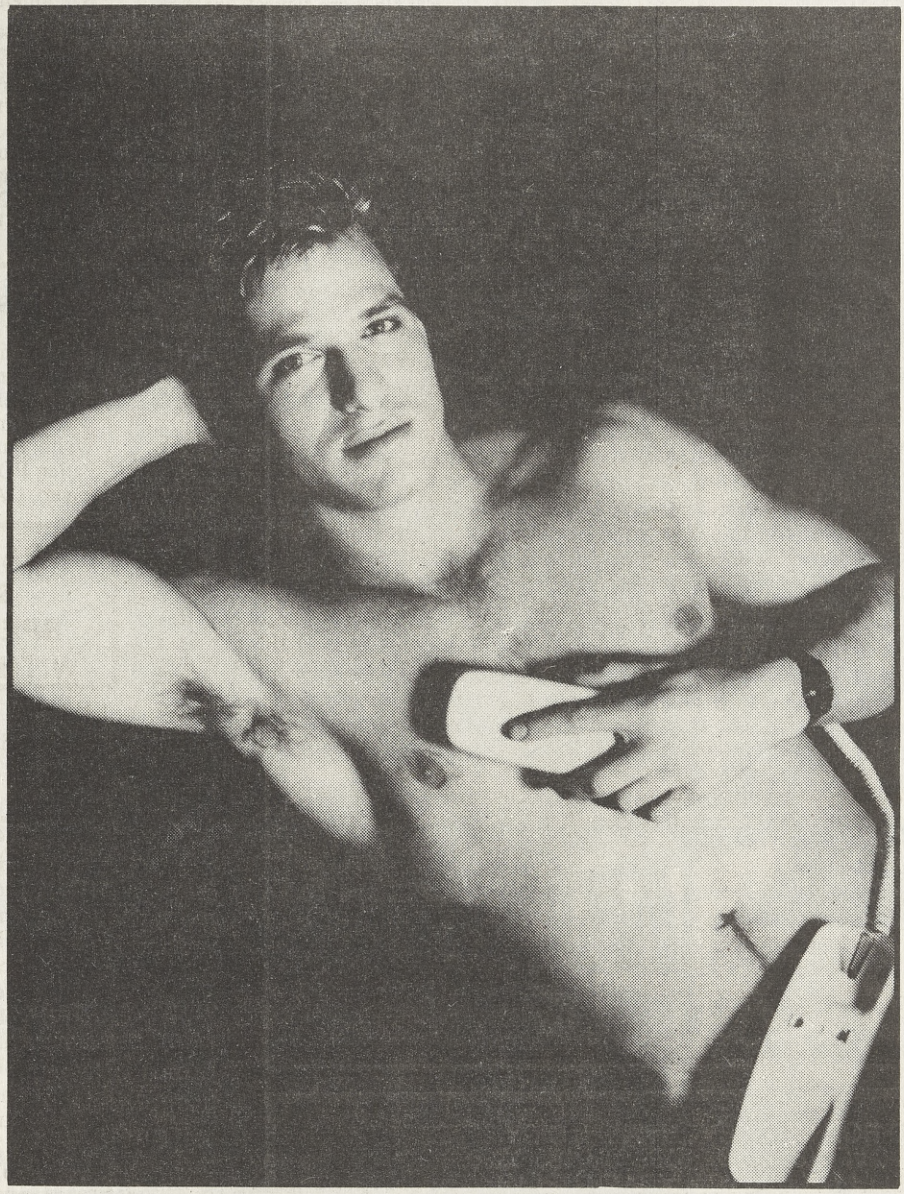

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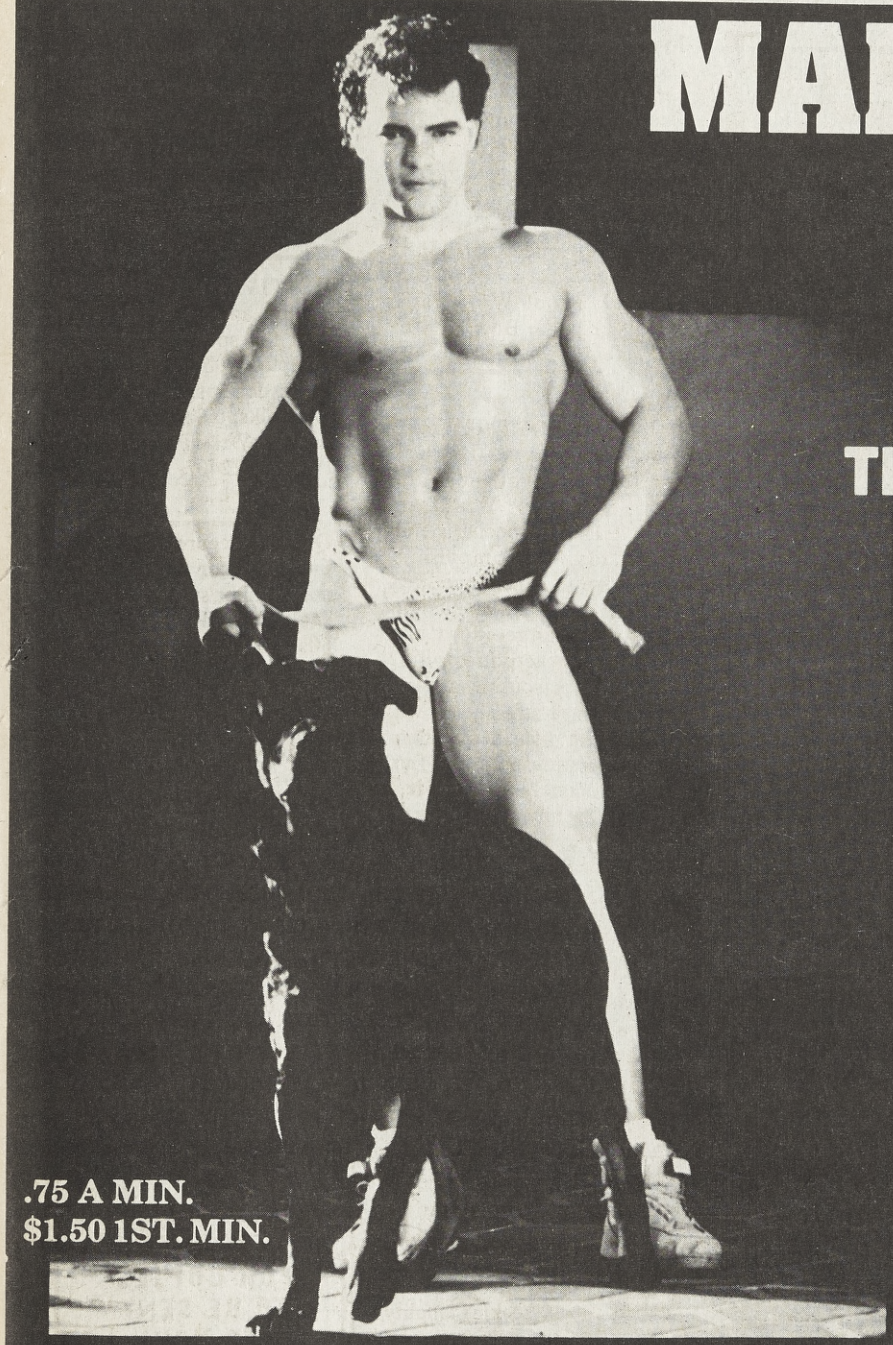

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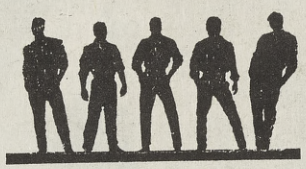

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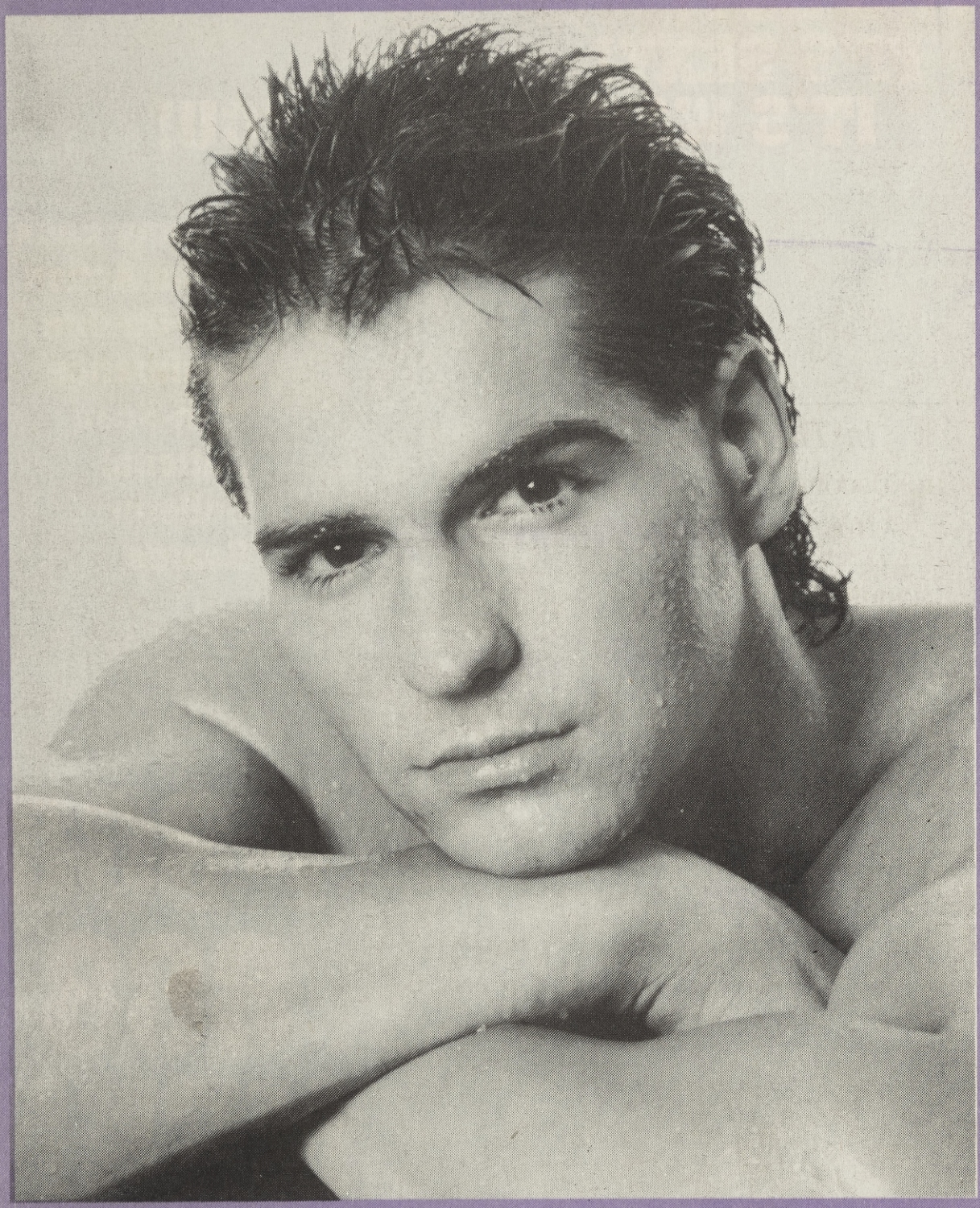

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